Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Money was not allotted by Government, because the owner of the place in which the experiment is done was not for it. The experiment is to be done at his expense. It is he who voluntarily asked to do the experiment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Government going to continue the work this year also?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—If he gives more money, we might continue the work.

Bus Traffic.

33. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether overloading in the bus was detected by the Diwan near Irinjalakkuda, while camping there in Edavam last; if so, what action was taken in the matter;

(b) the number of cases charged in 1103 for overloading?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes; the conductor was charged before the Magistrate for overloading.

(b) 73.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The conductor was charged before the Magistrate. May I know whether in such cases drivers are also charged?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I am sorry the Member is absent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So you require notice?

President.—The Member concerned is absent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—All the other Government Members are here.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have no information about this matter.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government regrets the absence of the Member.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There is a ruling that every Government Member can answer questions put by any non-official Member. So all the Government Members are at liberty to give answers.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—We never expected this contingency; if not, we would have been ready to answer the supplementary question, Sir.

34. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to several complaints in towns regarding serious harm done to the people by dust owing to heavy bus traffic; if so, whether they have contemplated any remedial measures to prevent dust nuisance?

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes; the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Supply of Clothing to the Police Department.

35. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of persons who submitted tenders in compliance with notifications in the Cochin Government Gazette for the clothing of the Police Department in the years 1102 and 1103 M. E. and what were the rates of each of them;

(b) to whom was the work entrusted in each year?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) and (b). Two statements containing the information are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why do you call such questions if you insist that the Member should be present?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—We do not insist; we only make that representation, that is all.

Murder Cases.

36. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of alleged or suspected murder cases reported to the Police during the eleven months of 1103;

(b) how many of these have been charge-sheeted during the same period;

(c) please give the date of occurrence of those cases which are not yet charged with the name of stations in whose jurisdiction the occurrence took place;

(d) is it not the practice in the Police Department to send up a report to the Commissioner from the Station concerned, if after a month from the date of occurrence, the case is not detected;

(e) how many of the cases not charge-sheeted come under this class, if any;

(f) if there are any, were any special steps taken for the detection of those cases, and if taken, what are the steps taken and with what interval of time from the date of the report?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) 10.

(b) 6.

(c) 49/03 of Trichur Cusba, date of occurrence 16th Makaram 1103.

38/03 of Narakkal, date of occurrence 21st Mithunam 1103.

72/03 of Irinjalakkuda, date of occurrence 28th Kumbham 1103.

128/03 of Ernakulam Town, date of occurrence 21st Medam 1103.

(d) No.

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